(d) and (e) The details regarding exports from these SEZs and their percentage contribution in the total exports of the country are indicated below:

Year	Exports from SEZs (Rs. crores)	Percentage contribution of SEZ exports in the total exports of the country
2004-05	16,613.77	4.59%
2005-06 (April-Sept, 2005)	9,036.13	4.78%

Trade agreements signed by India

736. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many Free Trade Agreements, Preferential Trading Arrangements and Regional Trading Arrangements have been signed by India so far;

(b) how many such Agreements/Arrangements are under the consideration of Government; and

(c) what economic benefit India would derive from each one of these agreements/arrangements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E. V. K. S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Regional Trade Agreements *inter alia* cover Free Trade Agreements (FTAs); Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs) and Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA).

Three Free Trade Agreements (FTAs); Three Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs), one Comprehnsive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA), Indo-Nepal Treaty of Trade and Agreement on Trade & Commerce between India and Bhutan in the nature of regional trade agreements have been signed by India. The information on FTAs/PTAs/CECA signed is given in the Statement-I. (*See* below)

(b) One Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation, five FTAs and three PTAs are under various stages of negotiations. The information on FTAs/PTAs/CECA being negotiated is given in the Statement-II. (*See* below)

(c) The signing of Agreements with various countries/groups aims at progressively eliminating tariff and non-tariff barriers substantially in respect of trade in goods, liberalizing trade in services with substantial sectoral coverage and establish an open and competitive regime that would promote investment and as such is expected to give boost to the bilateral trade in goods, services as well as investment. These Agreements are targeted to encourage increased interaction among the business persons of the negotiating nations. Apart from increase in market access to Indian goods in the countries with which negotiations are going on, the large market size in these countries will create huge opportunities for reaping economies of scale and scope, from both supply and demand perspective.

Statement—I

Information on FTAs/PTAs/CECA signed by India

S.No.	Agreement	Date of Signing of Agreement
1.	Free Trade Agreement with Sri Lanka	Signed on 28-12-1998 and became operational from 1-3-2000.
2.	Agreement on South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA)	Signed on 6-1-2004.
3.	Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) with MERCOSUR (a trade block of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay).	Signed on 25-1-2004
4.	Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) between India and Singapore	Signed on 28-6-2005
5.	Agreement establishing Global System of Trade Preferences (GSTP)	Signed on 13-04-1988.
6.	Bangkok Agreement (now Asia Pacific Trade Agreement — APTA) an initiative under Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)	Signed on 31-7-1975
7.	Framework Agreement for establishing FTA between India and Thailand	Signed on 9-10-2003. EHP on 82 items has already been implemented.
8.	Indo-Nepal Treaty of Trade	Signed on 6-12-1991.
9.	Agreement on Trade and Commerce between India and Bhutan	Signed on 28-2-1995.

Statement—II

Information on FTAs/PTAs/CECA being negotiated

Sl.No.	Agreement
1.	Free Trade Agreement with ASEAN
2.	Free Trade Agreement with Thailand
3.	Framework Agreement on the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multisectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) FTA
4.	PTA with South Africa Customs Union (SACU) countries
5.	Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA) with Mauritius
6.	Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) with Chile
7.	Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Bangladesh
8.	Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Gulf Cooperation Council
9.	Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) with Israel

Trade between India and Pakistan

737. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Pakistan have pledged to sort out outstanding trade related issues;

(b) whether Commerce Ministers of India and Pakistan met recently and had discussion as to how trade between two countries could be improved;

(c) what were main points discussed between the Ministers;

(d) whether any agreement between India and Pakistan has been reached;

(e) whether both countries have agreed to take up issues jointly at WTO; and

(f) if so, what is the trade level between India and Pakistan at present and to what extent it will be further improved?